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ABBIE HOFFMAN (SUMMARY)

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SUBJECT ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

FILE Headquarters 100-449923

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGED ON NEW YORK, New York June 30, 1969

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Abbott Howard Hoffman Security Matter-Anarchist

Reference is made to New York memorandum dated May 16, 1969.

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of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) advised a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that Abbott Hoffman did not appear in Part 1Dl of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, Room 415, 100 Centre Street, New York City, for trial on that date in connection with his having been arrested by the NYCPD on April 11, 1959, on charges of Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Harassment, Obstructing Governmental Administration (Docket Number-B9547) and Felonious Assault (Docket Number-A5570).

They stated that a representative of the District Attorney's Office advised the court that Hoffman's attorney, Gerald Lefcourt, had notified the District Attorney's Office that Hoffman would not be in court inasmuch as he had to appear in court in Chicago, Illinois, on this date.

They stated that Judge Donald S. Weiss ordered the forfeiture of \$ 2,500.00 bail and issued a bench warrant for Hoffman's arrest.

They stated that the representative of the District Attorney's Office requested a stay of the bench warrant but that Judge Weiss denied it.

They stated that in the event that Hoffman voluntarily surranders or is arrested on the bench warrant, Judge Weiss set a new trial date for August 8, 1959.

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The March, 1969 issue of "Rights", selfdescribed as a publication of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) on page 12, reported that on February 1 (1969) the NECLC welcomed Gerald Lefcourt to its staff as Legislative Director.

A characterization of NECLC is attached hereto.

APPENTIX

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE, Formerly Known As Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and nublished as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"ı. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.

*FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee—to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the Party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * MILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECIC also have been identified under oath as Communists.* * *' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1950, House Report 167, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

"2. 'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf or civil Parties and reaching out far beyond the confiduat of the Communist Party itself. Analy these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Misselfor dominatee. When the Communist Party ifield as their fire these fronts offer a behavior of protection.' (Internal Security Successives of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Eandlook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, in its April 1, 1968, issue, page 13, contained an item captioned, "Draft Dussenters to Get More Help", which related that at a news conference held by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) on the previous day, it was announced that the organization was changing its name to the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) "to reflect our determination to develop a vital national civil liberties organization in all 50 states as rapidly as possible."

NECLC is located at 25 East 26th Street, New York City.



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- 3. The subject made a public appearance at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio on 3/16/69.
- 4. The subject made a public appearance at Wright State University, Fairborn, Ohio on 3/17/69 as part of the school's "artists and lecturers" series.
- 5. The subject made a public appearance at Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio on 3/17/69 which was sponsored by the "Young Democrats," a campus organization.
- 6. The subject made a public appearance at Northeastern Illinois State College (NISC) at Chicago, Illinois on 4/10/69 in the "Bugg House" room

7. The subject made a public appearance at St. Joseph's Coilege, Rensselaer, Indiana on 4/15/69. He was invited by the Student Association at the school.

By referenced NY airtel of 5/13/69, the Boston Office was requested to contact

By referenced Boston airtel of 7/1/69, the Boston Office advised that on 6/27/69.

It is the opinion of the New York Office that if an interview of the last productive, a more suitable and concise letternead memorandum could be prepared in this matter.

Accordingly by referenced New York airtel of 7/11/69, the Boston Office was requested to continue efforts to contact

- 8. The subject made a public appearance at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado on 4/28/69.
- 9. The subject made a public appearance at the Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington on 4/29/69 under the auspices of the Associated Students of Gonzaga University (ASGU).

accordingly no lead is being set out for the Seattle Office.

- 10. The subject made a public appearance at the North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota on 4/30/69.
- 11. The subject was interviewed on the Allen Douglas Show, Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio on 4/26/69.

LEADS:

ALBANY

AT POTSDAM, NEW YORK. Will, through established sources, attempt to determine actual funds received and expended by subject during his appearance at the State University of New York at Potsdam on 3/4/69. (Albany refer to Albany airtel 4/28/69).

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AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK. Will, through established sources, attempt to determine actual funds received and expended by subject during his appearance at SUNYAB on 3/1/69. (Buffalo refer to report of SA dated 3/6/69, at Buffalo, 176-36).

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will, through established sources, attempt to determine actual funds received and expended by subject during his appearance at NISC on 4/10/69 (Chicago refer to airtel to Bureau 4/22/69).

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CLEVELAND

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. Will, through established sources, attempt to determine actual funds received and expended by subject during his appearance on Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio on 4/26/69 (Cleveland refer to report of SA dated 5/20/69, at Cleveland; 176-96).

DENVER

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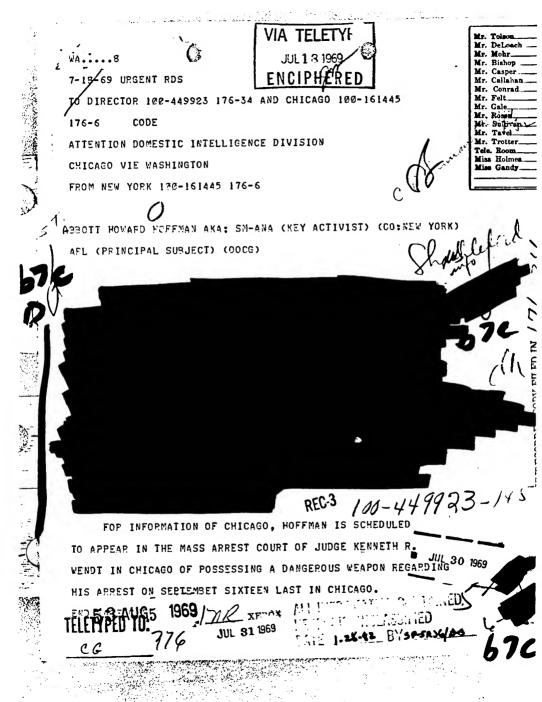
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HOFFMAN and/or the unknown subject may have been representing the "RAT", New York area underground publication, which publication known to have been represented at conference.

Detroit will attempt to locate tape of subject's TV interview and will attempt to identify the other New York representative at conference.

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FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. ROSEN

: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449923) TO

DATE: 8/4/69

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-29790) (RUC)

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka. SUBJECT:

SM - ANA (KEY ACTIVIST)

OO: NEW YORK

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Rerep of SA Rerep of SA 5/20/69, at Cleveland captioned, "ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka., ARL," and New York airtel to Bureau, CC to Cleveland, 7/18/69.

Referenced New York airtel pointed out that subject was interviewed on the Allen Douglas Show, Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio, on 4/26/69 and on page 4 of this airtel a lead was set forth for Cleveland to attempt through established sources to determine actual funds received and expended by subject during his appearance on Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio, on 4/26/69.

Referenced Cleveland report in the details set forth the results of subject's appearance on the Allen Douglas Show on Channel 61. Cryeland, Ohio, on 4/26/69 which was taped by SA the Cleveland Office. As pointed out in the administrative page of this report Cleveland sources were unable to furnish information regarding subject's activities while in Cleveland and/or who financed subject's trip.

In addition, Cleveland has no established sources at Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio, who could be contacted to ascertain whether subject received any funds for his appearance on the Allen Douglas Show on Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio, on 4/26/69.

Contact with ALLEN DOUGLAS, moderator of the Allen Douglas Show on Channel 61, Cleveland, Ohio, is not being considered in this matter as it could result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau because of the controversial nature of DOUGLAS! show and guests.

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FROM, NEW YORK (100-161445) (176-6)

Tele. Room.

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN AKA: SM- ANA (KEY ACTIVIST) 00: NEW YORK.

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1 - C. D. Brennan (Field Supervision)
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SAC, New York (100-161445)

August 6, 1969

Director, FBI (100-449923)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka. HEW LEFT MOVEMENT IS - MISCELLANGOUS (KEY ACTIVIST ALBUM)

ReBulet 4/2/69 transmitting a copy of the Key Activist Album and issuing instructions that the maintenance of the Album in a current condition would be the specific responsibility of the office of origin in each individual case. By routing slip dated 5/7/69 you were reminded of this responsibility and instructed to thoroughly review your Key Activist cases and promptly submit amended pages by routing slip.

New York report of SA dated 6/25/69 set forth employment for Roffman, his 781 Number and other arrest numbers, and the residence and business addresses of his brother. Although this information has been available to you for some time, the Bureau has not received a revised biographic sketch on Hoffman. This should be submitted immediately.

This is the fourth time it has been necessary to communicate with you concerning delinquencies in maintaining the Album. You are mainted that the Album was prepared primarily for the benefit of the field, and failure to keep it current will not be tolerated.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FFDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Chicago, Illinois July 24, 1969

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN SECURITY WATTER - ANARCHIST

The "Chicago Sun Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, in their issue of July 23, 1969, contained an article on page 32, headlined: "Drop 1 of 2 Charges On Yippie". Instant article reflected in part as follows:

"A charge of unlawful use of a weapon against Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman, 31, was dropped Tuesday. Mass Arrest Court Judge Kenneth R. Wendt said there was a question whether the knife police said Hoffman carried with him when he was arrested Sept. 17 (1968) was lethal".

"Asst. Corporation Counsel Richard J. Elrod said, 'It's merely a question of legal technicalities.' The knife that Hoffman had with him was not a switchblade, as had been reported. It was rather a large folding knife somewhat larger than an ordinary pocket knife".

"Hoffman is also being charged with conspiring to use interstate commerce with the intent to incite acts of violence and we feel that is sufficient. We simply decided not to press the issue of the concealed weapons charge, Elrod said".

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ENCLOSURE

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN

Instant article also stated that Hoffman was one of a group of New Yorkers who formed the Youth International Party, and that he was one of eight demonstrators indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on criminal charges arising from disturbances during the Democratic Convention in Chicago in August, 1968.

The "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, in their issue of July 23, 1969, contained an article on page 26, headlined: "Yippie Leader Cleared Of Knife Charge". Instant article reflected in part as follows:

"Charges of unlawful use of a weapon against Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman were dropped when city prosecutors failed to produce the switchblade knife police said they had found on Hoffman at O'Hare Airport last Sept. 17. Mass Arrest Court Judge Kenneth P. Wendt dropped the charges Tuesday after the city produced only a pocketknife with a 4-inch blade. Wendt said the knife apparently had been improperly described in the warrant against Hoffman. He (Hoffman) did not appear in court Tuesday".

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From: Director, FBI

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New York should immediately furnish all information obtained concerning above matter to appropriate local authorities and arrange close liaison to obtain all information developed concerning this matter.

The information set forth in referenced Link, if substantiated, should provide basis for either Federal or local prosecution of individuals of key importance in the New Left in the New York area. New York Office should immediately contact or recontact all appropriate sources to develop further information in this regard.

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You will be expected to devote sufficient manpower and attention to this matter to develop full information. Submit airtel and LHM or use more expeditious communication if circumstances so warrant.

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At this point there is no indication of a Federal violation and New York being instructed to immediately furnish all information developed to local authorities. Hew York also instructed to conduct necessary investigation to determine further information to verify or refute the boasts of Hoffman and others in this regard seeking to obtain facts to substantiate either Federal or local prosecution of key individuals in the New Left movement

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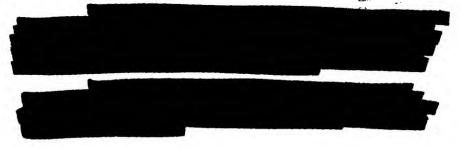
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BOFFMAN, when he spoke at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, was not paid a fee by the college but was given some money taken up as a collection from among the students who were interested in giving to that purpose. He stated he was not familiar with the amount of money he might have received nor would there be any record of it in any way.

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Subject: Abbott Howard Hoffman

Date Searched: 3/4/69

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

Abbott Howard Hoffman

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Abbie Y ... Hoffman Abbot Hoffman Abbott Hoffman/ Abbott H. Hoffman Abbott N. Hoffman Abby Hoffman -Abner Hoffman Abbey Hoffmann

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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The relationship, biographical data and Yippie activities of Abbott Hoffman were set forth in the serial of the main file on his wife Anita as follows:

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100-449924-2 p.1

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Abbie Hoffman (protect identity) Worcester, Mass., who stated that he was a member of the Congress of Racial Equality, advised that Michael T. Sullivan a band leader in Worcester, had received several threatening anonymous telephone calls, since a letter he directed to the Worcester Telegram and Gazette on 9/19/64 contained his opinion that Civil Rights of minorities should be strengthened.

157-6-5-230 encl. p.:

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furnished information regarding an incident on early Sunday morning 7/24/66, involving Student Non Violent Coordinating: (SNCC) members. The incident pertained to the refusal of the SNCC

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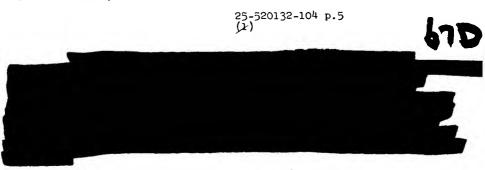
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members to leave the grounds after the evening performance until they were prodded and pushed by the officers. Abbott Howard Hoffman Worcester, Mass. and other members involved had left Newport as of 7/25/66.

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44-33627-2 encl. p.5 (22)

a letter dated 4/21/67 with a return address of 107 Dryden Road, Ithaca, N.Y. pertaining to the burning of draft cards. The letter contained a list of names of individuals including Abbie Hoffman, inviting others to join a conspiracy to burn draft cards and asking anyone interested to send their name, address and telephone number to Karl Bissinger in care of Peace Center, 224 West 4th Street, NYC.



100-432867-7 p.3

Emanuel David Schreiber (100-448095) in his US Army records listed Abbot Hoffman, Worcester State Mental Hospital, Worcester, Mass., as a reference. (No date given.)

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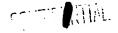
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tated (in part) "that the protest groups are being led by subversives whose prime motive is to overthrow the government. They are doing this by promising our youth that drugs and sexual freedom are the answer to life's ills. Hoping to achieve such apithy in the young that it will be possible to take over the US in the future with out firing a shot. Such a group is 'The Diggers', they have infiltrated all major cities. The one I am familiar with is in the East Village, NY. They have a so called 'free store' that distributes clothing and food. What the 'Straights' do not know is that they also distribute 'free drugs' and initiate and subject young

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that they had communes all over the village, an one was located at 723 E 6th St. She further stated that the guiding hand behind the "Diggers" was a man called Abby Hoffman who resided at ST Marks Place; that he was the owner of the Physo-delicatessen which fronted as a record, candle, incense shop, but which actually was where drugs were bought and sold.

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letter enclosed 62-34772-279 p.1 (13)

especially investments - - are treated as inviolable, people are dispensable. We think of Abbie Hoffman burning a fiver on the Stock Exchange floor - - Stop, you shouldn't treat it that way; that's money, it's sacred."

105-174437-8 encl. p.2

A source of the NYC Police Department (not identified) advised that Abner Hoffman was among those arrested 4/30/68 at Columbia University. Hoffman was also identified in the files of the NYC office of the Bureau.

Background data with activities and arrests set out.

100-439048-2307 encl. p.50 (21)

In connection with the investigation of Students For A Democratic Society (100-439048-34) Chicago requested subversive characterization on Abby Hoffman. New York airtel dated 5/8/68 stated that the NY office files contained no subversive information identifiable with Hoffman.

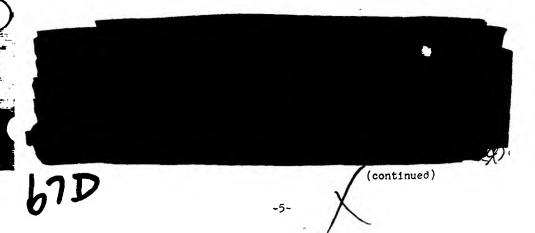
100-439048-34-177 p.1 (3:14:17:21)

The following references on Abbie Hoffman appear in the file captioned "Disturbances Arising Out of the Democratic National Convention" (DNC) and pertain to Hoffman's participation and involvment in the marches, rallies and demonstrations in Grant and Lincoln Parks in Chicago in August 1968, during the DNC. Hoffman was known as the organizer of the YIP and the leader of "yippy" movement. He made speeches and encouraged the demonstrators to use weapons, and also encouraged direct confrontation with the police. Hoffman was considered one of the greatest agitators whose motive was to disrupt the convention, embarass the mayor and make it appear that they were being oppressed. Hoffman was arrested on 8/28/68 for having an obscene word written on his forehead. He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Hoffman also participated in the disorders at Columbia University in New York. He was one of the negotiators with the city of Chicago for a permit to use Lincoln Park during the convention.

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The following references on Abbie Hoffman appear in the main files listed below and pertain to activities in NYC, Cleveland, Ohio, and at a YMCA near Chicago, and activities at the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago between March 1968 and 9/6/68. The meetings were held, to discuss travelling to the DNC, and possible movement centers in Chicago to discuss topics and policies. Hoffman a yippie leader, and one of the protest agitators during the DNC was reported to have revolutionary ideas. He spoke at rallies Hoffman made a speech offensive to Nixon and Humphrey. He stated that the political system in this country stinks and that the "streets are ours".

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stated in part: "The TV I can see, plays into the hands of the anarchists who set the time and place for pictures. It is a revelation to see Abbie Hoffman - - so full of hate - - feted and treated like royalty on the Dick Cavett show - - while Hugh O'Brian was given stony silence as he said a few words for the police. The Cavett show sends out hate like the sun gives out light and heat."

letter enclosed. 94-5-67480 p.1 (3)

The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations Protesting United States Intervention In Vietnam" pertain to activities of Abbie Hoffman between 9/19/67 and 9/18/68 in NYC., Chicago, and Washington, D.C. Hoffman, of 30 ST. Marks Place, NYC. gave his birthdate as 7/25/38 when he was arrested at the Pentagon, for placing handbills on parked vehicles. These handbills carried the wording "Exorcise The Pentagon, 10/21-22." Hoffman was arrested in November 1967 in connection with demonstrations protesting Secretary Dean Rusks appearance at the Hotel Hilton in NYC. Hoffman as spokesman for a group of hippies, held a press conference on 9/25/68 in the front of the building that housed the FBI office in NYC, to protest the FBI sending agents to their homes recently. Hoffman also held a press conference in Chicago, in September 1968, where plans were made to picket the rallies of the three major Presidential Candidates in protes of the Vietnam war.

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105-138315-7460 encl. p.1 (arrested)
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in connection with the "International Student Conference Columbia University, 9/17-25/68" (62-112468) urging everyone to get out to register and vote for the "Pig".

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During an interview with November 1968, he advised that in early October 1968 he attended Anti-House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) meetings with Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman, and Paul Krassner in Washington, D.C. These individuals planned Anti-HUAC demonstrations.

USA submitted information concerning his association with michard Gibboney, a member of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, indicating that Stella Montes de Oca (65-72641) and a known "new left" personality, Abbey Hoffmann, were acquaintances of Gibboney.

OACSI 65-72641-19 p.7 encl. p.7 (3,27)

The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations Starting September Twenty-Nine, 1968 Protesting The House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) Hearings In Washington, D.C." pertain to activities of and concerning Abbie Hoffman between 9/24/68 and 10/3/68 in NYC and Washington, D.C. Hoffman was subpoened and appeared before the HUAC in connection with activities that took place at the National Democratic Convention. Hoffman was arrested for wearing a shirt made out of a flag, and for desecrating the American flag. He stated he was recently arrested by the FBI for carrying a deadly weapon. Hoffman, self-described as leader of the YIP, listed his occupation as a "Revolutionary Artist".

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The following references in the file captioned "Student Agitation, New York" pertain to Abbe Hoffman's participation in a demonstration at the Washington Square campus, New York University on 10/14/68.

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62-112228-34-87 p.1 -104 encl. p.4 (16)

The Assistant Attorney General requested a check to determine if the so-called "freedom booth" was for the purpose in enticing soldiers to desert from the US Army and submitted the following: UPI release #108 dated 10/28/68 contained information that Abbe Hoffman one of the founders of the "Yippies" stated that a "Freedom Booth" bearing "A Certain Resemblance" to a voting would be set up at Fort Dix on Sunday afternoon. Hoffman also said that inside the booth soldiers would find civilian clothes, money and bus tickets.

Newark office instructed to comply with the Department's request and to keep the Bureau informed of Current developments.

42-0-59402 p.1

SAs on 11/3/68 observed demonstrators from NYC enter the Fort Dix, N.J. Military Reservation. Abbot Howard Hoffman, one of the founders of the "YIP" was not observeed at the demonstration. No one was observed to be enticing or assisting soldiers to decert from the US Army.

42-0-60629 encl. p.2 (22)

The 10/11/68 issue of "Open City" an avant garde weekly newspaper in the Los Angeles area carried an article entitled "Yipanther Pact". Abby Hoffman, one of the initial founders of the YIP, was one of the signers of the second part of his article. The article consisted of two parts, advocating general disruptive tactics to be held on election day 11/5/68.

100-447251-102 p.1 encl. p.1,5

176-1490-4 encl. p.2 (3)

The following references in the file captioned "Youth International Party" (YIP) aka "Yippies" pertain to the activities of Abbe Hoffman, one of the founders. These activities took place in NYC, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., between January 1968, until 11/25/68. One of the activities was closing St. Mark's Place to traffic with the purpose of pressuring the city of NY into providing services to the hippies.

Hoffman spoke and press conferences. He participated in the disorders at the Democratic National Convention in August 1968. He was one of the signers of the Black Panther article to disrupt the National Election in November 1968. Hoffman also helped to plan strategy for the Presidential Inauguration in January 1969. He was arrested numerous times including during the HUAC Hearings in October 1968 for wearing a shirt that appeared to have been made from an American flag. The "New York Post" in its



2/2/68 issue, set forth an article entitled "Gaily, Gaily, Hippies Going Into Politics," which stated in part as follows: "As for plans by Chicago Mayor Daley and the FBI to halt any convention-disrupting stuff, the Yippies had little but scorn. The mayor and J. Edgar Freako will not stop us, they insisted." Hoffman was critical of FBI investigations and stated FBI Agents only laughed when he suggested that they investigate police brutality. It was reported in August 1968 that the YIP closed its office at 32 Union Square, NYC, removed all records to the residence of Hoffman, one of its leaders.

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The following references on Abbie Hoffman appear in the file captioned "Democratic National Convention "and pertain to his activities in NYC and Chicago between January 1968 and 12/2/68. Hoffman described as a leader of the Yippies which was organized in January 1968, took an active part in the disorders surrounding the convention in Chicago during August 1968. Hoffman reportedly commented in underground publications regarding preplanning to discrupt Chicago and the convention. He anticipated several thousand arrests would be made. He spoke and had a press interview. At a LBJ "unbirthday party" he spoke about "pigs" in the Government and the Chicago Police Department. Hoffman stated that the YIP which was conceived for the convention was to be dissolved when it ended. Hoffman was hospitalized for hepatitis and was therefore

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unable to attend the House Committee Un-American Activities Hearings in Washington, D.C. on 12/2/68 in search for evidence that communists planned and participated in the street disorders during the convention in Chicago.

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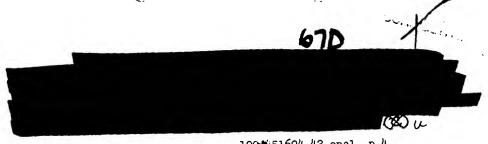
This serial contains information pertaining to the association of Paul James Krassner (105-109991) and Abby Hoffman who with Jerry Rubin were the initial founders of the Yippies (YIP). Information covered the periods of 9/30/67 to 1/14/69 in NYC and Chicago.

At a rally under the auspices of the "Inauguration Day Committee" held at the University of Chicago Campus in November 1968, Hoffman of the YIP, was one of the speakers.

105-109991-38 p.1,3,6 (24)

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100#151694-42 encl. p.4 (6)

The following references on Abbie Hoffman appear in the file captioned "National Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam" and pertain to Hoffman's activities between 4/15/67 and 1/28/69 in NYC, Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Ill. Hoffman reportedly, was a member of a "hippie" group known as the Jade Companions, whose purpose was to educate persons arrested for narcotic violations, and to supply bail money to those arrested for these offenses. Hoffman was believed to use some type of narcotics. Hoffman participated in anti-Vietnam demonstrations and was arrested during the Pentagon demonstration in October 1967. In September 1968, Hoffman was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, a knife aboard an aircraft.

In January 1969 Hoffman appeared for trial in Chicago on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest during the Democratic National Convention in August 1968. Hoffman made the statement that he had been arrested twenty-three times but never convicted.

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Letter enclosed 100-446997-3-6 encl. p.1 (4)

"The Minneapolis Tribune," Minneapolis, Minn. dated 2/11/69, carried an article entitled "U.S. Nazi Head Calls For White Community, No Negroes, Jews". This article in part noted the following: "Brian Valentino, President of Students for Free Speech, which sponsored Koehl's talk, referred to acts of intimidation in the hallway, and said his group had invested \$600 in fees, hall rental and expenses for the speech. The group hopes to bring new-left leader Abbie Hoffman and a Black Panther spokesman from California for later appearances at the university, he said." The article indicated that Matt Koehl, succeeded George Lincoln Rockwell as Nazi Chairman after Rockwell was shot to death in 1967.

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The following references in the file captioned "Cointelpro-New Left" set out information on Abbie Hoffman in connection with this program.

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100-449698-10-8 p.1 -34-1 p.4 -34-24 p.3,4 -34-49 p.1 -47-28 p.2,5,6 (4) (4) (4) (7) (4) (30)

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BIRTHDATE: 11/30/36 and 1/25/38
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SPOUSE: ANTA S. Kushner
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UNITED STATES GERNMENT

· Memorandum

: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449923)

DATE: 8/18/69

SAC, WFO (100-48384) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka SM - ANA

(KEY ACTIVIST)

(OO:NY)



Re WFO letter to Bureau dated 6/17/69 and report of dated 6/25/69 at New York.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for New York 2 copies of a letterhead menorandum (LHM) captioned and dated as above.

Reférred to FBI representative in LHM is SA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535 August 18, 1969

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN

A review of the case entitled Abbott Howard Hoffman vs. The United States (Case # 4865) on file with the Clerk's Office, D.C. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C. (WDC), by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on August 15, 1969, disclosed the following information:

On August 14, 1969, the D.C. Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment rendered by Judge Andrew J. Howard, Jr., of the D.C. Court of General Sessions convicting Hoffman of defiling the American flag by wearing a shirt resembling the flag and sentencing him to pay a fine of one hundred dollars or serve thirty days in jail on November 20, 1968.

Hoffman was arrested on October 3, 1968, when he arrived at the House of Representatives Office Building (WDC), to attend a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, dressed in a shirt resembling the American flag.

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New York, New York August 11, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bufile 100-449923 NI file 100-161445

> Abbott Howard Hoffman Security Matter-Anarchist

Reference is made to New York memorandum dated June.30, 1969.

On August 8, 1969, at approximately 9:50 a.m., a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA,FBI), observed Abbott Hoffman, and subsequently his attorney, Gerald Lefcourt, enter Part 1D1 of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, Room 415, 100 Centre Street, New York City (NYC), where Hoffman was scheduled to appear before the court for a preliminary hearing in connection with his having been arrested by the NYC Police Department (PD) on April 11, 1969, on charges of Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Harassont, Obstructing Governmental Administration (Docket Number B9547) and Felonious Assault (Docket Number A 5570).

At 3:30 p.m. the SA of the FBI observed Hoffman and his attorney, Gerald Lefcourt, leave the court room and proceed to the elevators of the building.

advised an SA of the FBI on August 8, 1969, that due to a very large number of cases on the court calendar, Abbott Hoffman's case was not called until 2:40 p.m., on August 8, 1969, in Part 1D1 of the Criminal Court of the City of New York. The case was heard by Criminal Court Judge Arthur H. Goldberg who ordered the Felonious Assault charge (a felony) reduced to Simple Assault (a misdemeanor). He also reduced bail on the assault charge from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00, while maintaining the \$500.00 bail on the other charges. Abbott Hoffman plead not guilty to all of the charges and the case was adjourned to November 17, 1969, in Part 2B of the Climinal Court of MYC.

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The March, 1969 issue of "Rights", self-described as a publication of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) on page 12, reported that on February 1, (1969), the NECLC welcomed Gerald Lefcourt to its staff as Legislative Director.

A characterization of the NECLC is attached hercto.

APPENTIX

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE, Formerly Known As Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

The "Gride to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the --House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda raterial. '

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the Party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * "ILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in pail."

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECIC also have been identified under oath as Communists.* * *'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1950, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

"2. 'To defend the cases of Communist lev-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of cival if irries and reaching out far beyond the comfines of the Communist Party itself. A more more enganteations are the * * * Emergency Cival Alberties committee. When the Communist Party is all as unser fire these fronts offer a behavior of protection.' (Internal Shauring Successibles of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Fanciock for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1950, p. 91.)"

"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, in its April 1. 1966, issue, page 13, contained an item captioned, Draft Dessenters to Get More Help", which related that at a name conference held by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) on the previous day, it was announced that the organization was changing its name to the National Energency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) "to reflect our determination to develop a vital national civil liberties organization in all 50 states as rapidly as possible."

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449923)

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y U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

NY 100-161445

Referenced BS letter disclosed that on

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Recipient offices should cover subject's speaking engagements in accordance with instructions contained in referenced CG airtel.

In addition, receiving offices are requested to discreetly ascertain organizations sponsoring subject's appearances and any renumerations received by him for his speeches and/or travel expenses and any monies disbursed by him.

All offices should furnish suitable copies of the results of their investigations in the ARL matter to the Bureau and New York under subject's SM-ANA caption. NY 100-161445

Background information concerning the subject can be found in the Key Activist Album.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ro : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449923)

DATE: 9/4/69

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Yippie Appeal Is Rejected in U.S. Flag Case

The conviction of Yipple leader Abbis-Hoffman for descrating the American flag last fallwas upheld today by the D.C. Court of Appeals. Hoffman was arrested Oct. 3 when he wore a shirt resembling the flag to a congressional hearing.

The court riled that Hoffman's conduct smounted to "defiling" the flag in violation of a new federal law that makes

a new recerat gaw that makes such activity a crime. Speaking for a three-judge panel, Chief Judge Andrew M. Hood rejected the contention of Hoffman's attorney, Gerald B. Lefcourt, that the law is unconstitutional.

"Contemptuous Conduct" Cited

"Surely the government has a substantial, genuine and important interest in protecting the flag from public desecration by contemptuous conduct," Hood wrote in a five-page opinion.

"We find the statute to be a reasonable regulation . . . and it does not unnecessarily impinge on a citizen's right to protest."

Calling the ruling "really shocking," Lefcourt said the case would be taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals and, if it isn't overturned there, to the Supreme Court.

Hoffman, 31, was arrested when he appeared to testify on his protest activities at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Convicted Nov. 26

On Nov. 20, the late Judge Andrew J. Howard Jr. of the Court of General Sessions found Hoffman guilty and sentenced him to 30 days in jail or a \$100 fine.

Before the D.C. Appeals Court, Lefcourt argued that descerating the American flag is "classic protest" and should be legally permitted as free speech. Hoffman's actions were "symbolic speech," he

"We disagree," Hood said in he opinion. "The First Amendnent protects freedom of speech and not freedom of conduct." Gale Rosen Sullivan Tavel Trotter Tele. Room Holmes Gandy Gandy

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Director, FBI (100-449923)

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SAC, Albany (100-20590)(P)

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, aka SM - ANA

(KEY ACTIVIST) 00 - New York

ARL (PRINCIPAL SUBJECT) 00 - Chicago

Re New York letter 9/4/69.



Both copies of referenced letter forwarded herewith to the Buffalo office. Buffalo will handle, as Alfred, New York and Geneseo, New York, are within the territory of that office.

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